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Thanksgiving message still the same 381 years later

Col. Dave Lefforge
60th AMW Commander

As we come together with family and friends tomorrow, the question we traditionally ask is "What are we thankful for?"

The first people asking themselves that question in America had a simple answer. They were thankful for their lives.

The pilgrims arrived at the place they called Plymouth in 1620 unprepared for the challenges they would face. Half the people who arrived on the Mayflower died during their first harsh winter in the New World. The fate of the pilgrims would have been much worse, though, without the help of the Wampanoag Indians, who brought the newcomers food and fur and later taught them how to fish, hunt and plant crops.

By the following fall, when the pilgrims were able to host a feast for the Wampanoags, they had come to realize that the neighbors they had feared were peaceful and generous friends, and that the wilderness they had cursed could yield a vast bounty. They had learned to trust America — its land and its people.

As the descendants of those pilgrims and the many more who came to America's shores over the following centuries prospered, life became more complex. Americans are still free to enjoy the simple gifts of food and family, but many of us now expect more from our lives here: rising stock markets, hundreds of television channels, cheap gasoline and cappuccino on every corner.

There is nothing wrong with any of these things. They are some of the many pleasures of living in a powerful and prosperous nation. But the true greatness of America lies in the simple things celebrated on that first Thanksgiving: freedom, safety, unity within diversity and a willingness to sacri-

fice for others.

If any good can be said to have come from the events of Sept. 11, it is to remind us of the small miracles behind everyday life in America.

Before the turkey is carved or the gravy is poured tomorrow, we will have the chance to ask ourselves what we are thankful for. The answer is different for everyone, but we each share a long list of blessings that have been reflected in the faces of our fellow Americans over the past ten weeks.

We've seen our blessings in the photos of the firefighters, policemen and ordinary airline passengers who thought nothing of their own safety when other Americans were threatened. We've seen them in the resolve of our leaders as well as the compassion and generosity of millions of our fellow citizens.

We've seen them, too, when we look in the mirror at the men and women who are defending America against terrorists. When there are many empty seats at dinner tables tomorrow, we can also count our blessings in the families who understand the importance of the work we do and the sacrifices we must make.

People have said that the world has changed for Americans. Many of us may feel like pilgrims facing a confusing and violent wilderness.

At this time, on this day, I ask that you remember the lesson of the first Thanksgiving. Trust in America. Trust in our leaders. Trust in the ability of our people to come together and emerge from the winter of Sept. 11 to a more bountiful harvest.



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Col. Dave Lefforge, commander of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, salutes during the National Anthem Friday. Lefforge and members of Team Travis turned out at the Duck Pond for the Military Family Week Parade, which marked the beginning of Military Family Week.

No matter where our ancestors came from or why, America is a nation of pilgrims. We are overcoming the difficulties and perils of the new worlds we find on a journey toward greater freedom, peace and happiness. We are building America the way our founding fathers saw it—as a source of hope for the world, a "city on a hill" that would be an example for other nations.

God has blessed America in its hour of need and kept us on the path to our destiny. The city on the hill stands stronger than ever, and there is nothing to be more thankful for this Thanksgiving.

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Formula at the CDC

Q I read a recent article in the Tailwind that said the Child Development Center prices would not increase this fiscal year. Then I went on to read that the CDC would no longer provide formula for the six-week- to 1-year-olds. I realize someone is going to save a lot of money doing this, but it isn't right. When I pay my monthly fee for my 4-year-old, it includes breakfast, lunch and snacks. Why should someone with a young baby pay their fee and have to provide all the food for their child?

This could cost people up to \$200 extra per month, which could be devastating for some of our folks, especially in this high cost of living area. I don't think baby formula should be where we try to cut costs.

A The decision was not based on finances. The decision to discontinue providing formula and requiring parents to bring in bottles was mandated by the results of our most recent, unannounced Air Force inspection, conducted at the end of July. The inspection report stated that the program should "Not prepare infant bottles in the activity rooms. Have parents prepare the infant formula at home and bring it to the center in bottles; ready to feed to infants." The inspector went on to state that "Having bottles prepared in the activity room increases the potential for sanitation concerns and makes it difficult for the staff to supervise the children adequately." Our policy was changed because of the need to have our program in compliance with all other Air Force child development programs as directed by the Military Child Care Act of 1989 and Air Force Instruction 34-248.

We don't like the fact that this policy change will make infant care more expensive for parents, but to help offset this we have taken great measures to ensure our fees and charges were not increased. While quality child care will always remain our top priority, we closely monitor our expenses to make sure fees are spent wisely and that the entire staff do their part to keep costs down. The fees and charges for child development and school-age programs at Travis were not increased this year and were increased only slightly the year before. While child care programs nationwide continue to raise costs to meet the rising costs of personnel and supplies, we are doing everything we can to minimize the effect of inflation on our parents.



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On the cover: Dancers from Vanden High School entertain the crowd at the Military Family Week Parade Friday at the Duck Pond. For more on this story, turn to page 17.

AAFES improves services to Team Travis

By A1C Alice Moore
60th AMW Public Affairs

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is continually looking for ways to improve life at Travis.

Not only are improvements being made in the Main Exchange area, but the entire base will soon reap the benefit of AAFES' innovations.

The improvements to the Travis infrastructure include:

►The Travis Shoppette and Gas Station is expecting a 33 percent expansion to the store. The front entrance will be expanded toward Travis Blvd. Along



with the store expansion, 12 new modern gasoline dispensers will be installed where the current old six pumps are located.

In addition, current plans are to have Popeye's Famous Chicken add a drive-thru attached to the building to ease the lunch rush.

This project should break ground in early 2002.

►AAFES' food court will soon have a Captain D's Fish and Chips prior to Christmas.

►Burger King is currently under renovation in order to provide new and additional seating.

The project will be completed this month.

►In the month of September, the Base Exchange completed a lighting and carpeting upgrade.

The million-dollar project was designed to improve the shopping atmosphere of the BX. The project included increased modern lighting requiring less energy, new carpeting in selected areas and reallocation of space and store fixture changes.

►AAFES has also added an optical clinic and frame shop in the Mini Mall complex in May. The shop includes an optometry doctor who accepts TRICARE.



Rowena Jemera, Cinnabon baker, puts the final touches on one of the store's popular rolls.

*Cinnabon's
grand opening
is one of
several
improvements
planned by the
Army and Air
Force Exchange
Service.*

Shake your 'bon bun

Photo and story by A1C Alice Moore
60th AMW Public Affairs

Caramel pecanbuns, Cinnabon stix, Mochalatta chills and the Cinnabon classic have made their way to Travis.

After about a year and a half of planning, coordinating contracts and time set aside for construction, Cinnabon is now in full operation.

"It's what we call the ultimate indulgence," said Linda Posadas, Cinnabon manager here.

Although the Cinnabon menu is not for the typical calorie counter, Posadas says they are more than happy to help cut calories where they can by preparing rolls without frosting.

Along with a variety of cinnamon rolls, Cinnabon also has a variety of coffee beverages, she said.

"We offer a line of beverages from Seattle's Best Gourmet Coffee."

However, cinnamon rolls and coffee

aren't the only things customers can expect.

Posadas expressed that she and her team are indeed ready to provide quality service in the new addition to Travis.

"I want to make sure the customers are being provided with good quality service. I just want the customers to be happy," said Posadas.

With Cinnabon being in full operation, customers seem to welcome its arrival as well as being satisfied with the facility.

"It's definitely a lot easier than driving out to the mall. I didn't expect the decor to be so nice," said TSgt. Ivey Carl, the base Cinnabon's first customer.

Hours for the Travis Cinnabon are 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information call 437-4633, extension 670.

NEWS NOTES

Parental support

The Air Force offers support services to all families of active duty members who are expecting or have children aged birth to three years.

The New Parent Support clinic is held every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Family Advocacy Office at David Grant Medical Center on the first floor.

Program incentives vary and include a clinic where participants can receive a book from the "What to Expect" series, apply for WIC if applicable, sign up for breast pump rental assistance and receive helpful information on pre- and post-natal topics.

The program also offers information on selected infant play materials, free parenting classes; free infant, toddler and preschool playgroups; support groups and referrals for other free services offered on the base and in the community.

For more information, call 423-5168.

Blood drive

A blood drive is scheduled at David Grant Medical Center Tuesday. This blood drive is in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

For more information, call 423-2519.

Financial assistance

Are you or a family member planning to attend college during the 2002-2003 school year? Will you be in need of financial assistance?

Now is the time to start thinking about how to pay for the rising cost of tuition.

An information session covering the ins and outs of financial aid is scheduled for Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. in the Base Education Center.

Active duty, civilians and family members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 424-1727.

Self management class

The Family Advocacy Program has openings for people in the next Self-Management Class to learn effective ways to manage anger.

The seven-week course is held Wednesday evenings from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at David Grant Medical Center.

Active duty members and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

The goal of this course is to assist participants in recognizing their feelings, learning to direct them in a constructive manner, learning how to communicate and listen more effectively, and learning new tools to deal with their feelings more appropriately.

Seating is limited, so call the Family Advocacy office at 423-5168 to register.

Humanitarian food drops surpass 100 flights

Air Force continues to feed starving Afghans

By MSgt. Randy Mitchell

U.S. Air Forces In Europe Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) — As anti-Taliban forces make tremendous strides in gaining control of Afghanistan, U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster IIIs continue airdropping humanitarian daily rations to starving Afghans.

Nearly six weeks into the airdrop, 111 sorties have been flown from here delivering about 1.6 million of the culturally sensitive packets of food and other relief supplies that have helped sustain refugees in their war torn country since Oct. 7.

This is the first time the United States has engaged in a war in a country that was already in the middle of a full-blown humanitarian crisis, said Joseph J. Collins, deputy assistant secretary of defense for peacekeeping and humanitarian affairs.

This crisis was brought about by a generation of war, four years of drought and a century of underdevelopment, Collins said.

"This has made humanitarian assistance to distressed populations an integral part of the Defense Department's overall policy," he said. "It has also made very close coordination and cooperation among federal agencies, international organizations, nongovernmental organizations — the NGOs that we hear about so much — it's made that cooperation mandatory."

Even before the current humanitarian airdrops began, the United States was the largest aid donor to Afghanistan. The total value of U.S. assistance from all sources — DOD, Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development — in the last two fiscal years is more than \$400 million.

Collins recently briefed the media on DOD's role in providing humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan.

"The DOD role in all of this is to support the State Department and U.S. AID, when that makes sense, and to provide unique capabilities where there are special needs," Collins said. "And that brings me to the first major subject — what DOD has done in Afghanistan."

"The first success was in dropping the HDRs," Collins said. "To date, we've dropped, either by flutter method or in containers, about 1.6 million daily rations, each of which is enough to sustain a person with a day's worth of calories. Recently, we

have been dropping about 35,000 a day. At the high, that number was about 70,000 per day."

Collins also talked about humanitarian relief expanding beyond just HDRs.

"The second success we've had here is in providing critical airlift support to U.S. AID on what people refer to as the wholesale level," Collins said. "At AID's request, we have lifted into Pakistan and Turkmenistan 40,000 blankets, 200 metric tons of high-energy biscuits, a ton of sugar, and 100 rolls of plastic sheeting for shelters. More of these missions are currently in the planning stage."

However, none of this aid would have been possible without the successful teamwork of all the agencies involved.

"Our third success has been in planning and coordination," Collins said. "And this is the success really that has enabled the other two. We have coordination centers in Islamabad and (MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.) that enable the (United Nations), selected nongovernmental organizations, the coalition partners, and (U.S. Central Command) to talk directly to each other."

Planning efforts for the future are also in high gear, Collins said. Coalition partners in NATO are stepping up allied support for the humanitarian effort. DOD is working hard with the coalition partners — the State Department, U.N. agencies and the NGOs in New York, at MacDill AFB, and in Islamabad — on plans for improving humanitarian work over the winter, as well as efforts at reconstruction.

These tasks will be much easier now, now that we have friendly forces in Kabul, Herat and Mazar-e Sharif, he said.

Collins also said that since the situation is changing, he believes the military aspects of aid probably are going to be less than they were, and that civilian aid agencies will resort to much more familiar tactics such as trucking food in and setting up feeding stations.

However, he sees the HDR airdrops continuing for the short run.

"We'll continue to drop the HDRs, and what you're likely to see from the DOD humanitarian efforts is a gradual shift from dropping HDRs into more wholesale support for U.S. AID and U.N. agencies, and also the provision — or at least the management — of certain services that will be needed to get the country back up and running," Collins said. (Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe)

Rumsfeld offers Thanksgiving message to troops

View Point

Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense



Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, a day that commemorates the Pilgrims' survival in the New World and celebrates the freedom for which we offer our thanks to God.

But while every American knows why we celebrate Thanksgiving, few — I'm sure — realize that it took the Civil War to make Thanksgiving a national holiday.

"In the midst of a civil war of unequaled magnitude and severity," President Abraham Lincoln wrote,

"order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict."

Thus, did he declare the last Thursday in November a national day of "thanksgiving and prayer."

Today, America is once again at war — a war every bit as dangerous and threatening to our national survival as that war that so tested America's courage and resolve. And again, America's citizens have met the challenge. Order had been maintained, laws have been obeyed, and love has prevailed over unspeakable evil and destruction. Indeed, Americans have shown the world just what stuff we're made of — and for that I am very grateful.

But as in all war, the responsibility for its successful conclusion falls to you, America's defenders. You carry the

torch passed to you by the hundreds of policemen and firefighters who raised our country's flag over the wreckage and pulled our fellow citizens out of the rubble.

And for that, all America is grateful. So, as you sit down to a Thanksgiving meal — in makeshift camps, aboard ships at sea, on bases far from your families and your homes — know that you are in the hearts and prayers of every American.

As families all across the land gather together, they will give thanks to God not only for the blessings and benefits of freedom, but for every soldier, sailor, airman and Marine who is fighting to defend it for us and for every human heart that longs for liberty.

On behalf of the entire Department of Defense and a grateful people, thank you, and may God bless you and return you safely home.

The 60th Support Group is conducting a town hall meeting on child education for parents assigned to Travis. The meeting will be held at the Base Theater Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Representatives from the Travis Unified and surrounding school districts have been invited to be on hand to answer questions and concerns. For more information, contact the Support Group at 424-5078.

Keeping the homeland secure

Coast Guard security zone, boat registration keeps MacDill mariners safe



(From left), US Coast Guard Petty Officers Marco Rodriguez, Chris Anderson and Ryan Dilkey patrol the waters near MacDill. The three are reservists from Coast Guard Station Sand Key who were called back to active duty Sept. 13 and are helping to patrol the coast off MacDill AFB, Fla.



By SSgt. Sonny Cohrs
6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AMCNS) — Force protection has become a household name since the terrorist attacks more than two months ago. From MacDill's front gate to the newspaper's front page, the words "force protection" keep everyone aware of potential attacks.

Extra security checks vehicles at the gates, extra guards are stationed throughout the base and everyone is reminded to be extra careful both on and off duty.

But military leaders feel protecting the gate is not enough. Because the base is surrounded by water, new actions are in place to protect the MacDill peninsula and its people.

MacDill security personnel have worked extensively with representatives from the Coast Guard to enforce a new 1,000-yard security zone around the base. This zone is to remain clear at all times, and law enforce-

ment officials on the water now have authority over matters within the zone.

"We basically teach people how to make themselves a hard target," said TSgt. Joey Tisdale, 6th Security Forces Squadron anti-terrorism/force-protection program manager.

The security zone, increased water patrols and overall security mindset of MacDill members help make the base a hard target.

"We didn't have this before, because we never had the need to implement it. Before, the only way we could arrest somebody was if that person actually set foot on the ground at the base. But now we can keep that as a clear zone. If a person comes within our area, we can challenge him."

Another force-protection measure in place requires all mariners register their vessels with the 6th Security Forces Squadron. The reasoning behind the registration is so law-enforcement officials can quickly identify military members, retirees, base civilians and family

members while they're out on the water.

Richard Reymann, a retired Air Force technical sergeant, said he doesn't have a problem registering his boat with the base and thinks it should have been done a long time ago, even before the Sept. 11 attacks.

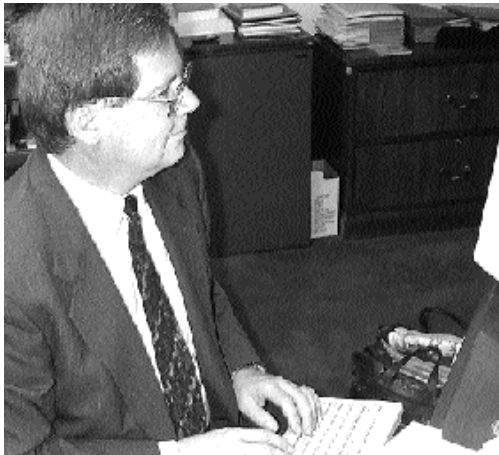
"It's the same as my vehicle," Reymann said. "It didn't cost anything to register my boat, just the time to go down there, but I've got all the time in the world. This will keep people out of here who have no business here."

Tisdale said that anything that looks suspicious should be reported.

"We only investigate things after we get so many reports on a certain incident, even the smallest things."

Despite the long shifts and increased awareness, MacDill's security forces are dealing well with the pressure. Morale is high due to some recent visits by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and wrestler Randy "Macho Man" Savage, who came out to show their support for the troops.

Seatbelts are hugs from your car!



Gerry J. Gilmore/ American Forces Press Service

J. William Leonard, deputy assistant secretary of defense for security and information operations, uses a defense Web site to check out DoD-related commercial press articles. Leonard said the need to safeguard classified — and even unclassified — information over the World Wide Web is especially acute during the war against global terrorism.

Vigilance also needed in Cyber domain

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The World War II-era adage "Loose Lips Sink Ships" underlined the peril of uttering privileged defense information in public — possibly within earshot of enemy spies.

The United States today is engaged in a war against global terrorism and the need to safeguard classified — and even unclassified — information is especially acute over the World Wide Web, the Defense Department's senior information security official noted Nov. 9.

"I think every American today is being asked to be more vigilant," said J. William Leonard, deputy assistant secretary of defense for security and information operations. "That vigilance needs to exist not only in the physical domain, but in the 'cyber domain' as well."

DoD has myriad systems in place to mitigate possible probing of information-rich conduits such as e-mail traffic, Leonard remarked in an interview with the American Forces Information Service. Nevertheless, he said, information security is everyone's responsibility.

"The best eyes and ears we have out there are our

service men and women, civilians and family members," he said.

For example, military members, government civilians, contractors, and family members should be suspicious of e-mail that requests information about DoD operations, Leonard said. All personnel, he added, should be aware of the security impact of information in their business e-mail and avoid including official information in personal e-mails.

"They need to look from the perspective of a potential adversary," Leonard said. Situations of concern, he remarked, involve information that might have force protection or operational capabilities implications.

People who suspect a breach of information security through DoD e-mail traffic or Internet sites "should immediately bring it to the attention of the appropriate person in their command, to make sure it is looked at in that context," he said.

Even unclassified information can be gathered and used by America's enemies, Leonard noted.

"We're in an Information Age. Information is an asset in and of itself," he noted. "Whether it is classified or unclassified is immaterial."

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Protecting Travis, its resources: It's everyone's responsibility

60th Security Forces

Unless you're a Security Forces member, you probably don't think about protecting our resources at all times.

However, first line security for the vast majority of resources at Travis is the responsibility of the personnel who work with them every day. Security Forces provide varying levels of security for all Travis resources and a response requirement to all of them, but the initial detection and delay of potentially hostile perpetrators falls squarely on the shoulders of the people who own and use

the resources.

While the idea of providing detection and delay responsibilities in and around protected resources sounds daunting, there are a few measures you can take to lessen the burden on yourself. By taking an active security posture in your daily routine, you can significantly decrease the possibility of hostile actions against our resources.

For example, protecting entry credentials from view of unauthorized individuals lessens the chance that a clandestine organization could manufacture fraudulent credentials to gain access to a PL resource. Air Mobility Command requires that restricted area badges be

removed from plain view and stowed when the owner of that RAB is not in a restricted area. Clipping the badge to the uniform is not a valid means of stowing the RAB. Travis furthers this requirement by stating the badge will be stored in a buttoned or zippered pocket when not worn. Additionally, privately owned vehicle flightline passes should be removed from view when the owner is not on or near the flightline. By securing these entry credentials when we're not using them, we make it harder for an enemy to duplicate our documents.

Also, we can make securing Air Force resources easier for everyone by ensur-

ing our credentials are displayed as required while around protected resources.

When in areas requiring its use, the RAB is to be displayed on the outermost garment above the waist, on the front of your person. If the RAB is worn in this manner, it is easy to determine the authenticity of that person's unescorted access privilege. If someone is not wearing the RAB correctly, another person must take time away from their assigned duties, challenge that person and report a security incident if necessary.

All of these actions are taking both the challenger and the person being challenged away from their duties for that period of time, thereby hampering the wing's mission.

Are you ready?

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Call the Family Support Center at 424-2486 and receive your free Air Force Readiness Packet.

Wave of the future *Af people receiving new 'smart' ID cards*

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Active-duty Air Force people, Selected Reserve, civilians and eligible defense contractors began receiving new and "smart" official Department of Defense identification cards Nov. 6, officials said.

These common access cards, based on smart card technology, replace the standard military identification card and will be issued to more than 4 million DoD employees, said Essye Miller, chief of the Air Force Communications and Information's infrastructure branch at the Pentagon.

The new smart card, about the size of a credit card, contains an integrated circuit chip, linear bar code, two-dimensional bar code, magnetic stripe, color digital photograph and printed information.

"The CAC will be the principal access card used to enter buildings and controlled spaces," Miller said. "It will also be the primary DoD public key infrastructure authentication token for unclassified networks."

Simply put, the card enables cardholders to digitally sign e-mail, encrypt information, and establish secure Web sessions to access and

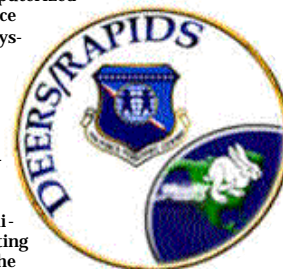
update information via the Internet, she said.

"These provisions are intended to enhance individual privacy and information assurance in (DoD) as computerized systems replace paper-based systems," Miller said.

"The CAC will be issued using the existing infrastructure of the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and the Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System in our military personnel flights," she said.

There are a total of 17 Air Force installations — active duty, Guard and Reserve, with the capability to produce the CAC.

To date, the Air Force has issued more than 11,000 of the 70,000 new cards given to DoD employees.



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The contest is sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. Winners will come from the following age groups: 2-4 years old, 5-7 years old and 8-10 year olds.

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Ridge describes homeland security strategy

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The United States must devise a homeland security strategy that looks beyond recovery efforts and aims at preventing attacks, said Tom Ridge, director of the nation's new Homeland Security Office.

Ridge, a former governor of Pennsylvania, spoke Nov. 15 to the Fletcher Conference here. He said the plan will include a comprehensive statement of all activities to secure the United States from terrorist threats or attacks.

The Fletcher Conference is jointly sponsored by the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis and the Army. The theme this year is "National Security for a New Era."

He distinguished between a "national" plan and a "federal" plan. The national plan will include all levels of government and the private sector. "The principal challenge of homeland security is to focus all of the resources at our disposal — federal, state, local and private — to safeguard our country from those who try to do us harm," Ridge said.

He said that since Sept. 11, all agencies of the government have worked together to secure vulnerabilities and begin rebuilding. The country must do more, however, Ridge noted.

"We need to be able to detect and deter terrorist threats before they happen — and, if America is attacked again, to be able to trigger a seamless system of rapid response and recovery," he said.

President Bush tasked Ridge to develop the national plan, but the country has not waited

for the result. He said all aspects of government from the FBI to the Environmental Protection Agency and from the Coast Guard to the Treasury Department have started working on aspects of homeland security. His job, he said, is to take these many aspects of government and focus them on the terrorist threat.

He said national homeland security strategy will identify objectives in precise and measurable terms. "It means performance, not process," he said. "We're going to know exactly what needs to be done and when we've got it right."

He said the plan will identify the needs and then fill them. Ridge said this means "finding the gap between where we are today and where we want to be tomorrow."

He said no system is ever 100 percent effective but vowed, "we'll try to get as close to perfect as possible."

He said the plan will be forward-looking and require "innovation, discipline, patience and resolve and a willingness to rethink traditional mission and traditional relationship."

The DoD homeland security mission will be examined. "I think as we look at the role that the Department of Defense plays in homeland security ... the most obvious component of the DoD force structure to have a role with domestic security is the National Guard," Ridge said.

"We will have to work within DoD and with the governors to identify what that role would be," he said. "If it requires changing the configuration of some units or redeploying some of the assets in a different way, certainly that's got to be something we should consider — and we will consider."

Quick facts about homeland defense

- » The Air Force is part of the international effort to increase security at home.
- » The Air Force has more than 11,000 people maintaining more than 250 aircraft with close to 350 aircrews.
- » The Air Force is providing homeland security using a minimum of 40 C-130 airlift support aircraft and quick response forces capable of responding to terrorist threats or events within a few hours of notification.
- » For the first time the Air Force, coalition partners — and the Total Force — have a major role in Homeland Defense, like no other time in American history.
- » The Air Force has called tens of thousands of Guardsmen and Reservists to help provide combat air patrols in the skies and increased security at airports.



Field of thanks: Patriotism was the driving force behind a project designed by local residents to thank the military people at Offutt AFB, Neb. A sign, which reads "Freedom! Thank You!" is plowed into a field that lies in Offutt's flight path. Each letter is 125 feet tall and 75 feet wide.

CHAPEL

Services

Catholic
Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m., communion service or Mass, Chapel Center.
Thursday, noon, Catholic communion service, David Grant Medical Center Chapel.
Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.
Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.
Sunday, 9 a.m., children's liturgy of the Word, Chapel One.
Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

Protestant
Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service, David Grant Medical Center Chapel.
Sunday, 8 a.m., community, praise & worship service, Chapel Center.
Sunday, 10:30 a.m., community worship service, Chapel Center. Nursery class for kids 3 months to 3 years.
Sunday, 11 a.m., community Gospel service, Chapel One.

Jewish
First Fridays, 7 p.m., Sabbath services and third Saturdays, 10 a.m., Sabbath services are temporarily meeting offbase. Call 424-3217 for locations.

Religious Education

Protestant
Sunday, 8 & 10:30 a.m., Children's Church, 4- to 8-year-olds, Chapel Center.
Sunday 9:15 to 10:20 a.m., Sunday School for ages 3 and up, Chapel Center.
Sunday, 11 a.m., Children's Church, 4- to 8-year-olds, Chapel One.

Catholic
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., OCIA, Chapel Center

Wicca
Education classes are being held various locations and times due to deployments. E-mail corgiwyn@care2.com for current information.

Youth Groups

Protestant
Monday, 6 to 7 p.m., "Community Teens For Christ," 12- to 18-year-olds, Chapel One annex.

Other Groups

Protestant
Second Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Chapel Center.
Fridays, 12:30 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study, Chapel One.
First Saturdays, 8 a.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, Chapel One.
Fourth Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., Community Young Adult Group, Chaplain Sander's home on base.

Inside Out

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., rock and praise-style worship. Chapel One.

Special service

The Travis Thanksgiving eve worship service will take place today at 7 p.m. with a pie social immediately following. The service will be held at Chapel Center. Col. Dave Lefforge, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, is scheduled as the guest speaker. For more information, call 424-3217.

ABOUT TRAVIS

TRAVIS COMMUNITY EVENTS

Holiday closures — ▲ The Golden Hills Dining Facility, Exercise Center and Mitchell Memorial Library will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday. The Fitness Center will be closed Thanksgiving Day and will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday.

Ongoing — ▲ Watch Monday Night Football at the Travis Sailing Center while enjoying a sub sandwich. Sign up by Thursday for the next week's game. Bus departs Outdoor Recreation at 4 p.m. Monday. Fee is \$15, which includes transportation and meal. For reservations, call 424-0970.

Thursday — ▲ Come feast on the Thanksgiving bounty at the Delta Breeze Club without all the kitchen fuss. Seatings are at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Adult club members pay \$14.95. Children 6 to 12 eat for \$5.95, five and under eat free. Call for reservations today.

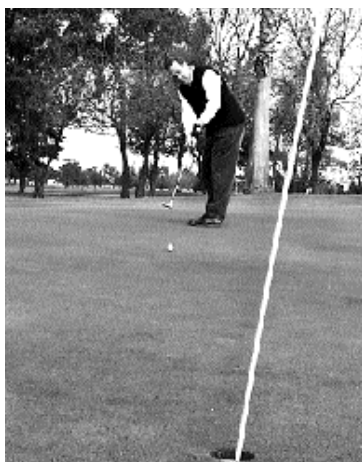
Saturday — ▲ Go to see Golden Gate Harness Racing in Berkeley — whether you are into the betting action or just a horse-lover. Let Outdoor Recreation do all the driving while you plan your strategy. The \$15 cost covers transportation only. Another trip is planned for Dec. 16.

Sunday — ▲ Experience a city within a city with Outdoor Rec. Enter Chinatown through the "Dragon's Gate" and explore shops, restaurants, food markets, temples and small museums. Buy ancient potions from herb shops, relax and enjoy a "dim sun" lunch or witness the making of fortune cookies. The \$15 cost covers transportation only.

Wreath/craft sale

The Travis Fisher House is holding its seventh annual holiday wreath/craft sale and open house Dec. 2 from noon to 4 p.m. at 100 Bodin Circle.

Wreaths and crafts donated by local florists, merchants and individuals will be on display for purchase. Refreshments will also be served. All proceeds will go to the Travis Fisher House, a home-away-from-home for families of loved ones receiving care at David Grant Medical Center. Since 1994, the Fisher House has been a haven for more than 1,500 families traveling from as far away as Asia, Alaska and Puerto Rico. The



Courtesy photo

Tuesday — ▲ Delta Breeze Club membership pays. Officers can enjoy a free family buffet with their immediate family from 6 to 8 p.m. Enlisted members get their free meal on Nov. 29. Two seatings are offered on the enlisted night: 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Nov. 28 — ▲ Learn quick quilting techniques in the Lap Top quilting class from 6 to 8 p.m. The class teaches participants how to complete a small quilting project in only two hours. The \$20 cost includes all materials. Participants have until close of business today to sign-up and prepay at the Skills Development Center. Class size is limited to the first 15 people. For more information, call 424-1338.

cost to operate the Fisher House is approximately \$100,000 per year, which comes solely from donations.

Scholarship program

The Retired Officers Association has officially opened its 2002 "Base/Post Scholarship" program and is offering individual \$1,000 grants to 100 dependents of active-duty personnel worldwide.

To be eligible, a student must be under age 24, working on a first undergraduate degree, and a dependent child of an active-duty service person — enlisted, warrant officer or officer — in the United States Army, Navy,

Nov. 28 — ▲ Travis youth and families have an opportunity to show off their talent at the 2001 family and teen talent contest hosted by the Travis Youth Center at 8 p.m. at the Travis Conference Center. Contestants are encouraged to play a musical instrument, perform a dance routine, sing a family song, perform a skit or any other performance art. Contestants can enter one of six categories: parents and children team, husband and wife team, children (ages 3 to 7), preteen (ages 8 to 12), teen (ages 13 to 18) or family. The winners will be videotaped for submission to the Air Force-level competition. Interested families should contact the Youth Center at 424-5392 for more information.

Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This includes members of the drilling Reserves and National Guard.

The grants are based on scholastic merit and leadership qualities, not financial need. No essay is required in the application. TROA membership is not a requirement.

Application is via the TROA Web site only. To apply, go to www.troa.org. Look for "Educational Aid" on the home page. Follow the instructions for the "Base/Post Scholarship." Deadline for submission is March 1, 2002 by midnight.

FSC EVENTS

Wednesday

▼ WIC representatives will be at the Family Support Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

Thursday

▼ The FSC will be closed for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. It will open for business as usual on Friday. Call 424-2486 for more information.

Monday

▼ Spouse employment orientation, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for newly arrived spouses. Learn about employment and career development programs at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▼ Briefings at the FSC for separating and retiring military members: VA benefits from 10 a.m. to noon and vocational rehabilitation group counseling from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 424-2486.

Tuesday

▼ Interviewing Skills I from 8 a.m. to noon at the FSC. This is a two-part series on interviewing techniques, negotiating salary and benefits and more. Call 424-2486.

▼ CSB/REDUX briefing from 8 to 10 a.m. at the FSC. Mandatory briefing for eligibles for the Career Status Bonus or anyone interested in learning more about CSB/REDUX, the military Thrift Savings Plan, military retirement system, and retirement planning. Call 424-2486.

November 29

▼ Interviewing Skills II from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The second of the series on how to get interviews, answer difficult questions and how to present yourself to increase your hiring potential. Call 424-2486.

▼ Informed Decisions from 8 a.m. to noon. Mandatory seminar for all first and second term enlisted within 15 months of Date of Separation. Topics cover Air Force benefits, retraining, TRICARE and Guard/Reserve opportunities. Call 424-2486.

▼ Investment fundamentals workshop at the FSC from 9 to 11 a.m. Call 424-2486.

Weekly

▼ Applications have arrived at the FSC for the Air Force Aid Society's \$1,500 education grants for the 2002-2003 school year. Call 424-4349.

Oceans apart Travis airmen support mission during holidays

ViewPoint

1st Lt. Kim Garbett
60th AMW Public Affairs

Travis men and women are deployed to a number of forward operating locations globally, providing continuous military support to Operation Enduring Freedom. For many, these locations will be their home away from home for the holidays as well. The weather could be cold or it could be hot. There could be mountains or beaches. Wherever in the world Travis men and women are deployed to in support of the President's campaign against terrorism, however, their hearts are more often oceans away with their families, more especially during the holidays.

In most cases, all these uniformed men and women can tell their families is that they're doing well and hope to be home soon and that they're doing what they can to fight for freedom. All they can say is that they love and miss their significant others and hope their children don't forget about them while they're gone.

"I e-mail my wife every night and call her on my days off," said A1C Tim, a crew chief with Travis' 660th AGS at a forward deployed location. "My wife is four months pregnant; I will miss watching her open her presents for Christmas. She's like a little kid! But we're doing the best we can out here ... playing our part in this war," he said.

They may miss a birthday, an anniversaries, a few football games and kids soccer games, but the men and women of Travis know that they represent our country and will proudly do what they must to ensure the United States of America is defended with honor. They'll be able to come back to their homeland eventually — and they'll tell some of their war stories. But right now, they must 'fight the good fight' and defend the freedoms United States citizens have come to treasure.

"I'm proud to be a part of this operation," Maj. James, a pilot with the 9th Air Refueling Squadron, said from a forward

deployed location. "It's awesome being out here striking back at terrorism. I flew the first KC-10 into the deployed location a few months ago. We've flown several hundred sorties to date without missing one. And we haven't left a bomber without fuel," he said. "Being home with my family, though, is the best thing about the holidays; I miss my family a whole bunch and will be home as soon as I can," he said, with some wistfulness in his voice.

The military community is close-knit because of this unique lifestyle, where uncertainty and the unknown is a familiar part of life. What happens tomorrow is more or less unexpected. Families back home take care of each other, wondering and waiting and hoping expectantly for the day when their loved one will return. Those who serve their country in locations far from home and families come closer as well; they become family to one another. Some are old hat at this, understanding that this is business as usual. Younger troops are still learning what it means to be separated in the line of duty from their families. Although the cause is just and right, the hours long and the work sometimes physically tough and mentally draining, for many, being separated from their families, especially over the holidays, still is one of the hardest parts of their jobs.

From a forward deployed location, SSgt. Jason, with the 660th AGS, talked a little about life on the front lines and being away from home for the holidays. "This is the second Thanksgiving I've missed at home in a row," Jason said frankly, having been through this before. "I was deployed last year, too. I love Thanksgiving dinner ... my favorites include cranberry sauce, the turkey and the pumpkin pie." If he isn't working supporting missions on Thanksgiving Day, Jason plans to share Thanksgiving with his comrades-in-arms at the deployed location's chow hall and, most importantly, get some sleep, he said. Jason also said he plans to contact his wife and children. "I want to tell my wife I love

her and miss her a lot ... and to make sure the kids don't forget me. They're small."

One of the unique aspects about Operation Enduring Freedom for Jason, he said, is this is the first time he's ever seen bombers loaded to capacity and fly away, coming back empty. "But I know I'm doing my part," said Jason, who is a KC-10 communications/navigation expert. "It's very important to preserve our freedoms for America as our forefathers did before us."

Echoing that sentiment, CMSgt. Celeste and SMSgt. Trish with the 349th Air Mobility Wing volunteered to be deployed for the holidays. "We're here to support our crews," they said. "Both of us are single, so we volunteered to come over during the holidays so more families could spend Thanksgiving together. We're deeply patriotic; we're here for our families, friends and every American back home. "This is all about freedom and this is the price our country must pay for it."

Trish explained that most of the deployed personnel at her location will use e-mail to keep in touch with home. Some of the deployed locations overseas will have phone capabilities, but there are other locations out there that have extremely limited communication capabilities, making keeping in touch even harder.

SSgt. Rafael said his Thanksgiving will most likely be spent with a turkey-bag in-flight somewhere half-way around the world from his family. For some, the Thanksgiving dinner provided by the "chow hall" will be the only real reminder that back home in the United States, Nov. 22, 2001, is our national day of thanks.

For many Travis men and women far from home, their Thanksgiving prayers will likely include hopes that we successfully complete our mission and fight and finish this war on terrorism so that families will once again be reunited and our freedoms restored. Then, there will be a new day of thanks, and happy tears will flow, reminding us all of what really we are all fighting for together.

For more information on Operation Enduring Freedom, visit www.af.mil

Does work have you stressed out?

The Health and Wellness Center has stress-relieving massage chairs available by appointment or walk-ins. Call 424-4332.



2002 Military Family Week essay, art contests open



Courtesy photo

The poster for this year's Military Family Week observance, which runs through Nov. 25, features the winning art of Heather Burke, daughter of Air Force SSgt. Robert Burke and wife, Marietta, from Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

Air Force Print News

SPRINGFIELD, Va. (AFPN) — The Armed Services YMCA is seeking entries from military children for its 2002 art contest and readers' essay contest.

Art Contest 2002 accepts artwork from children in kindergarten through sixth grade depicting their active-duty, Guard or Reserve military families. Top prizewinners will receive \$500 U.S. Savings Bonds, and their artwork will be printed on posters for worldwide distribution next year in observance of Military Family Week. Children of Department of Defense and Coast Guard civilians may enter in an honorary category. Entry deadline is Jan. 28.

The 2002 Armed Services YMCA Essay Contest highlights the joys of reading. Essays should be on any subject related to reading. In its sixth year, this contest is open to first- through 12th-graders and offers Savings Bond prizes of up to \$1,000. Children of active-duty, reserve and retired members of the uniformed services and of DOD, Coast Guard and American Mission civilian employees can enter. Entry deadline is March 18.

Color images of this year's winning poster and the top posters from each of the other services are accessible on the Web at www.asymca.org/art_posters_2001.htm.

Full contest guidelines are on the Armed Services YMCA Web site. People can also obtain information by sending an e-mail to essaycontest@asymca.org or MilitaryFamilyWeek@asymca.org; or by calling (703) 866-1260.

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Air Mobility Command realigns lead mobility wings

By TSgt. Karen Pettit
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) — In an initiative to enhance the presentation of mobility forces and streamline manning and resources, Air Mobility Command officials will realign and reduce its lead mobility wing mission from five wings to two.

This new LMW structure will take effect with Aerospace Expeditionary Force Cycle 3 in March.

When the then-chief of staff of the Air Force, Gen. Michael E. Ryan, first announced the AEF lead wings in March 1999, he designated five AMC wings as lead mobility wings. AMC's LMWs were the 43rd Airlift Wing, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.; 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif.; 22nd Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan; 319th ARW, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.; and 92nd ARW, Fairchild AFB, Wash.

Beginning next March, AMC's LMWs will be the 60th AMW from Travis and the 305th AMW from McGuire AFB, N.J.

These wings are charged with providing air mobility leadership to the AEFs. Along with the wing's primary mobility mission, an LMW is responsible for providing mobility leadership and a 33-member initial response team for humanitarian relief operations, disaster response and contingencies.

Responding to crises worldwide, the IRT deploys rapidly to assess local conditions, prepares the airfield

to serve as a reception base for humanitarian relief, and assists in the beddown of follow-on forces. Working with an AMC tanker airlift control element, the team facilitates the flow of aid to disaster victims.

Travis and McGuire were chosen as LMWs, in part, to link them with existing air mobility operations groups — the 615th AMOG at Travis and the 621st AMOG at McGuire — to enhance their crisis-response capabilities. The AMOGs provide expertise in mobile command and control, and airfield operations. Their ability to rapidly deploy to austere locations and provide airlift and tanker throughput is key to the LMW's success.

"The realignment of our lead mobility wings with our AMOGs is a natural evolution of the LMW concept," said retired Gen. Charles T. "Tony" Robertson Jr., AMC commander during the realignment. "The original five LMWs did a superb job of refining the key processes that now enable us to move to the next level of rapid response capability."

"Given the outstanding teams and obvious geographical advantages, Travis and McGuire are the logical home base choices for our next generation of LMW operations," he said.

"Our leadership came to this decision based on feedback from LMW training and exercising during the past two years and a natural maturing of the LMW concept," said Col. Steve Hellwege, chief of AMC's operations plans division. "The realignment gives these two

wings and their collocated AMOGs the primary mission for short-notice humanitarian response and releases the other wings from this additional duty. Our former LMWs will go on with their core mobility missions and will continue to support other aspects of the AEF.

"The LMW redesignations will bring AMC's LMWs in alignment with the Aerospace Expeditionary Wings, the Air Force's two combat-response wings," Hellwege said. "Our LMWs and the AEWs will act much like 'sister wings' for full spectrum AEF operations. The AEWs will respond to combat situations while we handle mobility operations."

"Another advantage with the new LMW alignment is their stationing at our major east and west coast mobility hubs," he said. "There will be more airlift assets immediately available to move our equipment and people."

Lt. Gen. Ronald C. Marcotte, AMC vice commander, praised the original LMWs for their initiative in taking the LMW plan and establishing a viable rapid response force for humanitarian missions.

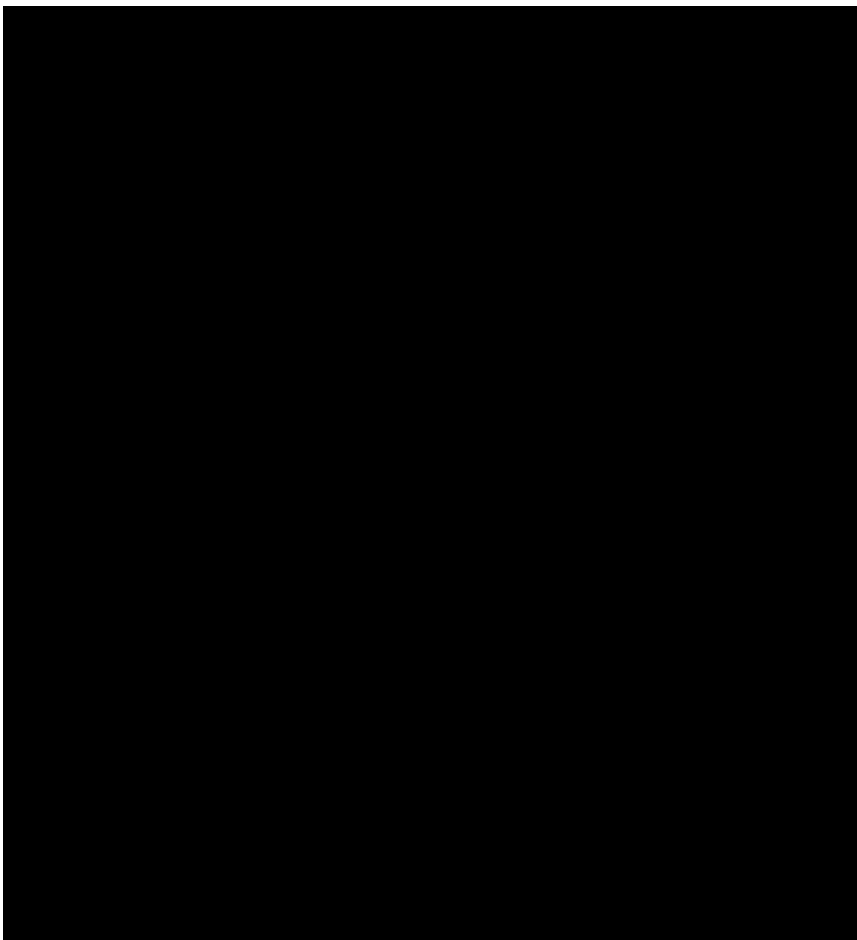
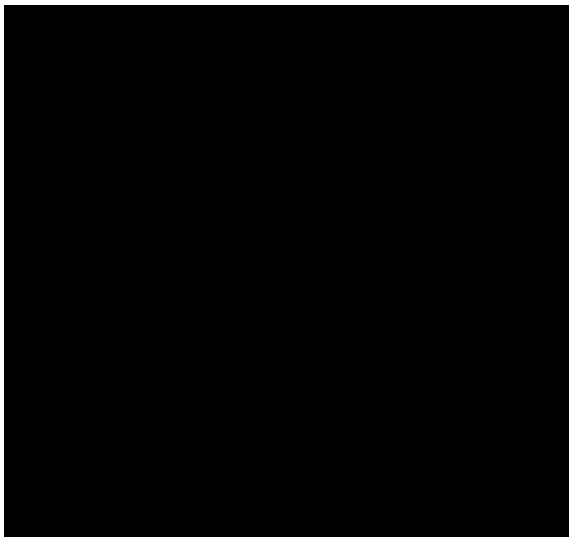
"They (LMWs) have shouldered the burden of short-notice humanitarian relief with considerable energy and enthusiasm," he said. "They built a fledgling LMW concept of operations into a credible initial-responding force for humanitarian relief. I know the two LMWs and their AMOG partners will continue this record of excellence as they provide theater commanders with the capability to assess airfields at disaster sites, receive follow-on forces, and establish a mobility base for the reception of humanitarian relief."



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Travis airmen

ROCK the DORMS

Photos and story by A1C Alice Moore
60th AMW Public Affairs

Shortly after Sept. 11, many activities on base were postponed due to various reasons. However, slowly but surely Travis is returning to business as usual.

One example of the base returning to normalcy is the final push for landscaping the dormitories with new rocks, which took place Friday.

The final stages of the project were underway with help from supervisors, dorm managers and dorm residents.

Former base commander, Brig. Gen. Thomas Kane, originally implemented the project in order to try minimizing exterior clean-up work done by the dormitory bay orderlies, in order for them to be able to concentrate on other areas of the dorms, said CMSGT. Dan Johnson, 60th AMW command chief master sergeant.

Johnson said originally the project was scheduled to be finished mid-Sept. However, because of many issues arising after the terrorist attacks, the landscaping project came to a temporary halt.

"This project was postponed after Sept. 11. Today was the final push to get it done," said SSgt. Chris James, 60th Communications Squadron, dorm manager.

Along with the work being done on Friday, several dormitories have spent time on their own laying rock within their own common areas. The work was done in

A1C Dave Olson, 60th Communications Squadron, shovels rocks into place in front of Dorm 1352. The rocks are part of the base dorm beautification project.



order to make the final project flow with more ease, said MSgt. Dan Brennan, 60th Civil Engineering Squadron first sergeant.

Participating in Friday's event, Brennan says he is pleased with the effort made by the dormitory residents.

"I have no complaints; you give these guys work and they get it done," said Brennan.

As well as the supervisors, dorm residents also are pleased with the efforts put into the project as well as seeing the results.

"This project gives a lot of us a chance to have a hand in making our dorms a little better," said A1C Dave Olson, 60th Communications Squadron ground radar maintenance apprentice. "Everyone has been working extremely hard out here."

Olson also added that the dorm managers like James, prior to Friday, had been working hard throughout the week to make the final day of the project go over smoothly.

With the hard work being put forth by the participants, Johnson is optimistic about the results of the project once everything is finalized.

"Once everything is done, I think the appearance of the dorms will improve."

Johnson also believes the new landscaping will indeed help cut back on the exterior work done by the

bay orderlies, which was one of the main purposes of the project.

Now that the landscaping project is almost at an end, Johnson also adds there are other projects in the works for dorm residents to look forward to. Currently, funding has been received for six dorms to have kitchens installed as well as five dorms being completely refurbished. The plan includes new carpeting, furniture and repainting among other things.

In order to continue with dorm improvements in the future, Johnson encourages dorm residents to be more involved with the dorm council as a way for them to get their ideas heard.

"It was good ideas from dorm residents, who took the initiative to get involved that prompted projects such as kitchens being installed and different activities the base has brought to the dorm residents," he said. "With the input from the residents we'll do everything possible with the money we have to make the dorms a better place to live."



Dorm residents discuss the landscaping project. The project is designed to ease the care and maintenance of the dormitory complex.

How do you feel about the quality-of-life improvements in the dorms? _____



A1C Derek Micucci

"I think it (dorm life) is getting better. Overall, the work that's being done now will improve morale."



A1C Steven Brackett

"I think the quality of life has definitely improved through the efforts of the Dorm Council. Through them we've received vending machines and other improvements"



A1C Dave Olson

"Projects such as the landscaping gives us a first-hand opportunity to improve our quality of life."

Military Family Week begins at Travis

Travis families enjoy a day of fun and fellowship at the Travis Duck Pond

The Vanden High School band, led by band director Bruce Tipton, entertains participants of the Travis family parade at the Travis Duck Pond.



By Michael T. Moseley
Daily Republic liaison

Cool temperatures and an overcast sky didn't prevent Travis families from showing up for the opening event celebrating Military Family Week.

"I know how important families are," Col. Dave Lefforge, the 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, told the crowd assembled on the banks of the Travis Duck Pond.

"A family can consist of any number of people," he said. "In fact, we consider all of Travis to be one big family."

Families were invited to walk around the Duck Pond in a loosely-formed parade, passing booths set up to impart information from a variety of base organizations.

The Health and Wellness Center booth carried handouts for the different programs offered at the HAWC. Also available were stress squeeze toys and other trinkets.

The base Substance Abuse Clinic was set up to hand out flyers and information packets about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Information about the base chapel programs were on display at the chapel booth.

The Family Advocacy Clinic was represented by a booth containing brochures on the various classes it offers to parents and children.

Besides the information booths, event organizers set up a refreshment booth, serving treats and drinks.

The base fire department, with the help of Sparky the Fire Dog, was there to spread the word about fire safety.

With military precision, the Vanden High School band opened the event with a rousing rendition of the National Anthem, followed immediately by the Air Force song.

Bruce Tipton, who is in his third year as band director, led the band through a series of songs, ranging from the golden oldie "25 or 6 to 4" to current hits like "Zoot Suit Riot."

The band continued to play as families of all sizes walked hand in hand around the Duck Pond — the smaller children gathering around the wooden play stations.

As a final treat, SrA Ernie Owens gave a demonstration of his partner's abilities. His partner is Air Force working dog Arko, an award-winning canine with the 60th Security Forces Squadron.

While kennel master TSgt. Michael Casares called the shots, Owens put Arko through the paces, showing how well the dog was trained to not only protect his master, but to defend himself, sniff out drugs or explosives and stand guard.

Arko, a 2-year-old German Shepherd, placed third in his first competition against civilian law enforcement canines last June.

"Picture the Travis Family," a photographic tribute to Travis families, began its moving display at the Base Exchange this week.

For information on other activities planned for Military Family Week, call Hurt or Dennis Meyer at the Family Support Center at 424-2486 or Beth Kaiser at the Family Advocacy Clinic at 423-5186.



Jared King, one of the many children at the Travis Family parade, gives Sparky the Fire Dog a high five. Members of the Travis Fire Department were on hand to give family fire safety tips.

NASCAR Winston Cup Series racing team No. 21 donated a special edition car hood depicting the Air Force logo and the F-22 Raptor to the U.S. Air Force Museum Nov. 13. The Air Force has advertised on Wood brothers' NASCAR Motorcraft No. 21 Ford Taurus since the start of the 2001 racing season



Capt. Jeffrey Sandrock / Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

NASCAR team makes a pit stop at Air Force Museum

by Capt. Jeffrey Sandrock
Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — NASCAR Winston Cup Series racing team No. 21 made a pit stop to donate a special edition car hood depicting the Air Force logo and the F-22 Raptor to the U.S. Air Force Museum here Nov. 13.

The car's driver, Elliott Sadler, was on hand with owners Eddie and Len Wood, to present the "raptor" hood, which was specifically designed to honor members of the Air Force.

A good partnership with NASCAR and the Wood brothers' racing team reaps great rewards in recruiting and public awareness, said Gen. Lester L. Lyles, commander of the Air Force Materiel Command.

The Air Force is extremely proud of its association with NASCAR and the

Wood brothers' crew, he said.

"This whole team exudes class. You couldn't ask for a better group of people," Lyles said.

The Air Force has advertised on Wood brothers' NASCAR Motorcraft No. 21 Ford Taurus since the start of the 2001 racing season, displaying the Air Force symbol in white on a red body on the car's hood.

The blue "raptor" paint scheme was created as a special one-time tribute to Air Force people, and the car was raced in the Coca-Cola 600, held in Charlotte, N.C., on May 27.

Raptor, which means bird of prey, was applied to the F-22 fighter to capture the essence of its speed and lethality.

"There is a common bond between racing and the Air Force," said Maj. Gen. Charles D. Metcalf, the U.S. Air Force Museum director, who accepted the car hood on behalf of the museum.

"The folks who follow aviation and the folks who follow racing have a lot in common," Metcalf said. "They both love speed."

Lyles described the NASCAR experience as exhilarating, saying, "You haven't lived until you hear that 700-horsepower-plus engine running and watch these professionals out on the track."

These same professionals, the Wood brothers and Sadler, penned their autographs on the hood for final display in the main atrium of the museum.

"We will place it with great honor," said Metcalf, describing the car hood's permanent mount on the wall, and anyone who enters and exits the museum will see it.

The Wood brothers team members were invited to tour the museum, after which Sadler said with a smile, "Everything we have been exposed to with the Air Force has been first class."

SPORTS SHORTS

Bobby Sox board

The Travis Bobby Sox girls' softball board will meet Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. For more information, call Roger Kidd at 688-2108.

Travis Powerlifting Meet

The Fitness Center will hold a weightlifting competition Dec. 8, featuring the bench press and the deadlift. Check-in is 4 p.m. and lift-off is at 5 p.m. Weight classes for both men and women are:

Lightweight — 165 pounds and under
Middleweight — 166 to 195 pounds
Heavyweight — 196 pounds and over
Seniors — open weight category for contestants 40 years and over

Trophies will be awarded to overall winners for all categories for men and women. Participants can register in advance at the Fitness Center for \$20 by Dec. 5. Cost is \$25 after that.

For more information, call SSgt. Jay Sundiam at 424-2008.

Youth bowling tournament

Children at Travis can compete with youth from Air Force installations around the world in the Worldwide Youth Postal Bowling Tournament. Participants will compete for trophies and enjoy physical activities with their friends and family.

"The objective of this program is to introduce youth to the lifetime sport of bowling, develop eye/motor coordination, provide positive motivation and recognize personal achievements," said Gary Mitchell, acting director of programs for the Air Force Services Agency.

All youth, ages 5 to 18, who are authorized to use services facilities are encouraged to participate in the tournament at Travis Bowl, 571 Travis Ave. Bowlers do not have to be members of the Youth Center.

The competition will take place Dec. 12 at 3:30 p.m. and Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. All bowlers are responsible to pay their own bowling fees including a \$1 shoe rental and \$3 per person (\$2 for bumper bowlers).

Awards will be given in each age division for high game and high series. The age groups are: ages 5 to 8, ages 9 to 11, ages 12 to 14 and ages 15 to 18. All divisions are male and female.

Lane glancers (bumpers) may only be used by the 5- to 8-year-olds. All scores will be scratch and no handicap allowance is permitted.

The 5- to 8-year-old division will submit two game scores and a total series score, while all other age groups will submit three game scores and a total series score.

Advance registration at the Youth Center is required. Call Tammy Sickels at 424-5392 to register or for more information.

Air Force Clubs announce first winners of Football Frenzy

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SAN ANTONIO — When SSgt. John Stokes walked into his commander's office, his first thought was that there was a problem. He left smiling, though, after learning he won a free trip, as part of the Air Force Clubs Football Frenzy program, to see the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants tangle Dec. 9 in Texas.

"I visit our club every weekend, watch the games and put my name in the hat (to enter a drawing for the trip)," said Stokes, who is stationed at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. "But I never thought I'd win out of all of Air Force Space Command (entries). This was a great surprise."

Other Football Frenzy winners join-

ing Stokes in Dallas are: SrA Brandon Compeau, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska; Tony Rosser, Randolph AFB, Texas; MSgt. Gary Poskocil, Whiteman AFB, Mo.; TSgt. Randy Wert, Keesler AFB, Miss.; TSgt. John Tolbert, Charleston AFB, S.C.; SMSgt. Andy Baldus, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom; James Smith, Kirtland AFB, N.M.; and TSgt. Sue Lewis, March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

They, along with one guest each, will receive roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, ground transportation and, of course, tickets to the game. Also included in their jam-packed schedule, courtesy of the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau, are pre-game activities with the Cowboys, a visit to the Texas Rangers baseball stadium

and dinner in the Baseball Legends of the Game Museum. Plus, they get a private tour of Six Flags Over Texas amusement park, concert or rodeo tickets, and a reception at the Palace of Wax Museum.

For club members who are pigskin fans, this is the first of three Football Frenzy excursions up for grabs. Later this year, five other club members and their guests will receive a trip for two to the Super Bowl in New Orleans. Plus, five more lucky club members and company will head to Honolulu for the Pro Bowl.

"This is just one of several ways that we reward our members throughout the year," said Frank Black, chief of the clubs division for the Air Force Services Agency.